

CAROLINE COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Number of Farms</i>	588	556	506
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	216	202	227
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	126,981	112,545	114,843
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Cattle</i>	4,794	3,210	6,716
<i>Hogs</i>	7,395	6,368	1,224
<i>Sheep</i>	391	244	248
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			104,358
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			65,501
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			15,147
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			7,863
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	51.8	53.5	54.9
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	8.2	7.6	8.9
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			260
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			1,310
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$7,290,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	6	<i>Soybeans</i>	2
<i>Barley</i>	1	<i>Vegetables</i>	2
<i>Forage</i>	16	<i>Wheat</i>	2

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	21	<i>Milk Cows</i>	11
<i>Broilers</i>	4	<i>Sheep</i>	19
<i>Hogs</i>	11		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2002	30,000	80.0	2,399,200
	2003	26,700	116.1	3,101,000
	2004	29,500	138.2	4,077,300
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2002	1,300	14.8	19,200
	2003	2,600	16.8	43,600
	2004	2,000	23.4	46,700
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2002	48,200	20.6	991,500
	2003	45,500	32.0	1,454,200
	2004	51,500	41.3	2,126,000
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2002	19,300	67.1	1,295,600
	2003	16,000	33.7	539,700
	2004	16,600	55.4	919,972
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2002	3,400	2.3	7,700
	2003	2,900	2.7	7,900
	2004	3,500	2.7	9,300
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2002	7,700	82.1	631,900
	2003	8,300	45.3	376,100
	2004	7,700	72.8	560,400

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$65.64	\$74.66	\$73.67

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